

Order for National Instruments Limited

7862. SHRI BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the financial performance of the National Instruments Limited, Calcutta during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken to restore its viability particularly by arranging to place orders from public undertakings;

(c) whether a Rupees five crore order

placed by the Defence Ministry on the National Instruments for the production of night vision goggles and binoculars has been suspended;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to restore the order?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The financial performance fo national Instruments Limited during the last 3 years is:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	<i>Gross Loss (before interest on Government loan, Depreciation and Development Expenses written-off)</i>	<i>Net Loss</i>
1	2	3
1987-88	(-) 151.96	(-) 444.34
1988-89	(-) 118.44	(-) 516.52
1989-90 (Provisional)	(-) 92.85	(-) 542.52

(b) Various steps taken by Government and the company inter-alia include a letter to all State Governments and Central Public Sector Undertakings to extend utmost consideration to meet their requirements of surveying equipment from National Instruments Limited, product-mix diversification with a view to reduce over dependence on single sector, etc.

(c) to (e). Orders valued Rs. 5.75 crores for manufacture and supply of night vision goggles and binoculars by National Instruments Limited have been suspended by

Ministry of Defence on price consideration to explore possible supplies at lesser prices from other sources. The matter has already been taken up with Ministry of Defence.

[Translation]

Land acquired by Heavy Engineering Corporation

7863. SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: